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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: RATIFY CHANGES IN WORK AND PARTIAL ACCEPTANCE AND ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETED PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS
CITIES OF CARSON, GARDENA, LAWNDALE, HERMOSA BEACH,
LONG BEACH, LOS ANGELES, MANHATTAN BEACH, RANCHO PALOS VERDES,
REDONDO BEACH, AND TORRANCE, AND IN THE
SUN VALLEY COMMUNITY OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2, 3, AND 4)
(3 VOTES)

### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Ratify changes in work and accept completed contract work under the following construction contracts:

- Project ID No. FCC0000861 Sun Valley Watershed Tuxford Drain, construct a storm drain and a system to divert nonstorm flows to a water treatment plant, in the Sun Valley community of the City of Los Angeles (3), Mike Bubalo Construction Company, Inc., with changes in the amount of \$8,344.13, and a final contract amount of \$3,632,386.73 (Partial Acceptance).
- Project ID No. TSM0010151 Artesia Boulevard, et al., modify and synchronize traffic signals, in the Cities of Carson, Gardena, Lawndale, Hermosa Beach, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, and Torrance (2 and 4), Steiny and Company, Inc., with changes amounting to a credit of \$87,385.05, and a final contract amount of \$933,524.49.

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### PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to obtain your Boards ratification of Director of Public Works-approved changes in a public works contract and your Board's acceptance of the work of the contract in compliance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. Included in the attachments are project and contract data, the scope of work of changes to be ratified, and the work of the contract to be accepted.

The Director of Public Works has been authorized by your Board to order changes in work up to \$10,000 for construction contracts. Changes to accommodate field conditions in order to meet the intent of the plans and specifications are not subject to this monetary limitation. Attached for your ratification are changes in work, which the Director of Public Works ordered for Project ID Nos. FCC0000861 and TSM0010151.

The projects have been completed, and it is recommended that your Board accept them on the dates indicated in the attachment.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1) and Community Services (Goal 6). Acceptance of these contracts completes the work to improve infrastructure and enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

### FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The modifications to the contract amounts are a credit of \$87,385.05 and an increase in the amount of \$8,344.13, while the total values of the contracts are \$933,524.49 and \$3,632,386.73.

Ratification of the changes in work and acceptance of the work of the respective contracts by your Board is in compliance with the acceptance and prompt payment provisions of the Public Contract Code.

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Sufficient funds are available in the Board-approved appropriations for each of the respective projects to cover the costs of the changes and the total value of each of the contracts. Detailed cost breakdowns for each of the changes together with contract cost summaries are included in the attachments.

### FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Each of these contracts for the construction of public works improvements was awarded by your Board to the lowest responsible bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code, your Board's directives, and as recommended by the Director of Public Works.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The changes in the work as described above and in the attachments are within the limits of the Board-approved projects and do not change any conditions which resulted in the original environmental findings.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Each contract provided that the contractor be compensated for changes in the work as a result of changes to the original plans and specifications or changed conditions encountered during the course of construction. The costs of these changes were based on contract unit prices, time and materials methods, or were negotiated under the provisions of the contract specifications. The methods for arriving at the final costs of the changes are included in the attachments.

### <u>IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)</u>

Ratification of the requested changes and acceptance of the work of the contracts by your Board will ensure the timely closeout of the respective contracts, releasing Departmental and County assets for other construction-related activities.

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## **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments (2)

c: County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

# ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT (PARTIAL) November 13, 2007

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000861 - SUN VALLEY WATERSHED - TUXFORD DRAIN (in the Sun Valley Community of the City of Los Angeles), Supervisorial District 3

<u>Contractor</u>: Mike Bubalo Construction Co., Inc., 5102 Gayhurst Avenue, Baldwin Park, California 91706

### **Project Description:**

Construction of a reinforced concrete pipe storm drain and drainage structures, a low-flow diversion system, a reinforced concrete storage box, landscaping, and other appurtenant work.

### Changes in Work:

(1)	Variations in Bid Quantities	\$ 8,970.50
(2)	Value Engineering Change Proposal	(5,471.72)
(3)	Aeration System	4,845.35
	Total	\$ 8 344 13

# **Description of Changes:**

- (1) The original contract amount is based upon estimated quantities of the various bid items. The contractor is paid based upon actual quantities used. The increase in contract price reflects the net adjustment due to variations between estimated bid quantities and actual quantities.
- (2) The Contractor submitted a value engineering change proposal to use material that was excavated on-site for pipe bedding instead of importing material. This resulted in a credit to the contract in the amount shown.
- (3) To eliminate odors emanating from the newly installed low-flow diversion facility, it was required to install an aeration system in the irrigation cistern. This work was not shown on the plans.

The costs for Item 1 were based on contract unit prices. The costs for Items 2 and 3 were based on time and materials as provided in Subsection 3-3 of the contract specifications.

No additional working days were required because of these changes.

### **Project Completion Date:**

The contractor completed the project on June 21, 2007, in accordance with the plans and specifications. The contractor has been requested to perform additional work to adjust the systems pumps to handle harsher conditions than those specified in the plans.

Rather than delay payment of the retention to the contractor for the completed work, pursuant to Section 7107 of the California Public Contract Code, we recommend all retention be released. Once the additional work is completed, we will return to your Board with our recommendation for final acceptance.

### Amount Due Contractor At This Time:

Original contract amount	\$3,497,690.00
Actual costs of changes in work previously approved by your Board Changes in work authorized by the Director	126,352.60
of Public Works	<u>8,344.13</u>
AMOUNT DUE CONTRACTOR AT THIS TIME	\$ <u>3,632,386.73</u>

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### ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT November 13, 2007

PROJECT ID NO. TSM0010151, ARTESIA BOULEVARD, ET AL. (Cities of Carson, Gardena, Lawndale, Hermosa Beach, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Manhattan Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes, Redondo Beach, and Torrance), Supervisorial Districts 2 and 4

<u>Contractor</u>: Steiny and Company, Inc., 12907 East Garvey Boulevard, Baldwin Park, California 91706

### **Project Description:**

Modification and synchronization of traffic signals.

### **Project Completion Date:**

The contractor completed the project on August 31, 2007, in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Changes to the plans and specifications not anticipated in the original design were made during construction to account for existing field conditions and to complete the project in accordance with the intent of the plans. The major changes were reductions in bid quantities and supplying equipment for the traffic signal systems. The changes resulted in a credit to the contract in the amount of \$87,385.05

### Final Contract Amount:

Original contract amount	\$914,000.00
Actual costs of changes in work previously	
approved by your Board	106,909.54
Changes in work authorized by the Director of Public Works	(07.305.05)
Of Public Works	<u>(87,385.05</u> )
FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	\$933,524,49

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